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TOBOGGAN CONTEST NEXT SUNDAY

Big attraction at the toboggan slide Sunday afternoon. Mr. Thomas has arranged, as a special attraction at the slide Sunday afternoon, a toboggan contest, which no doubt will create a lot of fevered interest to toboggan sliders. The contest will be held at 2:30 o'clock, and the toboggan making the longest distance out on the lake will be declared the winner, and will receive a cash prize of \$5.00. The rules for the contest are as follows:

All toboggans are eligible irrespective of size, but there must be no more than two passengers on each toboggan. Entries will be received up until the time of the contest, and the entrance fee will be 25 cents per passenger. There is no restriction on a single passenger on any toboggan, but to make the contest more even, it is advisable to make a team of it. Make all entries to Mr. Thomas. Any money received over the amount of the prize will be used in the general up-keep of the slide.

The time record of the slide has been shortened from 31 seconds, as reported in this paper last week, to 21 seconds. With the course, nearly a mile in length, it is easily seen that the speed of the toboggans is terrific.

An unfortunate accident occurred last Sunday at officers' hill when Henry Bradley and a party were sliding on a toboggan, when the toboggan upset, throwing Mr. Bradley up against the ski jump, breaking his leg. Incidentally, this accident did not happen at the big new slide, as it has proven safe in every detail and will be safe if sliders will not try to go down standing up or attempting other dangerous stunts. To the present date there has not been a single spill on the new slide. The only spills that have occurred have been on the lake, due to the fact that some of the sliders put their feet down, trying to stop the toboggan. If the sliders will refrain from this and let the toboggan go its own distance these spills will be averted.

Many of the sliders at the big hill are enjoying a sandwich and cup of coffee at the "Coffee House." It keeps them up to better stand the fatigue of the long walk from the lake back to the hill. While this feature has not been a financial success, it has been appreciated by the large crowds, who enjoyed some refreshment and a comfortable place to get warm and rest.

The people have been enjoying the toboggan slide so immensely that it seems unfortunate that funds are not more readily contributed for its support. Contribution boxes were placed conveniently at the slide last Sunday ready to receive donations and while there were nearly 300 people on the hill, only \$1.65 was donated. The local business men supplied the initial fund by subscribing about \$275.00. Many of the latter do not partake in the pleasures of the slide, and it seems only fair that those who do, should assist financially in its up-keep. If each person on the hill will drop in 10 cents each time they are present the finances would be taken care of. Several weeks more of coating weather may reasonably be expected and advantage should be taken of it. Where can people spend a few hours a week to greater profit, clean, wholesome, health-building recreation to hundreds of young and old? Go to the hill prepared to help, at least a little.

There will be jitney service Sunday, running from Corwin's garage every 45 minutes. Price 25 cents.

SCHOOL NOTES

GRAYLING SCHOOL

Editors: Janice Bailey, Edward Mason, Ethel Taylor.

To be thrown upon one's own resources is to be cast into the very lap of fortune.—Franklin.

Carl—"We have some Dumb Doras in our chemistry class."

Miss Titworth—"Why do you say that?"

Carl—"Azilda is so dumb she thinks Boyle's Law is a new method of cooking."

Things don't turn in this world until somebody turns them.—Garfield.

Shirley—"Lacey is a cheapskate."

George—"Why?"

S. F.—"He hates to have his pen give."

"Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute, what you can do, or dream you can; begin it."

Miss Supernau—"People, be diligent and steadfast, and you will succeed. Take the case of George Washington. Do you remember the great difficulty he had to contend with?"

Lacey—"Yes ma'am, he couldn't tell a lie."

An uncomfortable place to live in is just beyond your income.

Ellen Soeck, writing an essay on Darwin—"Both men and women sprang from monkeys, but women sprang farther than men."

One reason why few recognize opportunity is because it is disguised as a hard job.

Carl S—"Give me a round trip ticket."

S. Agent—"Where to, please?"

C. S.—"Back here, you fool."

There is not an hour of youth, but is trembling with destinies, not a moment of which, once past, the appointed work can ever be done again, or the neglected blow struck on the cold iron.—Ruskin.

Any guy can be gay, when out for a day.

With a rod, or a gun or an auto, But the bird worth while.

Is the duck that can smile, When he doesn't want work, but has gotta.

The difference between a profession and a trade is that the first man has a diploma and the latter a Pierce Arrow.

Promptness takes the drudgery out of an occupation.—John Q. Adams.

Thursday, February 10, the seniors gave a party, members of the junior class being their guests. At six o'clock a delicious dinner was served in the domestic science room. Spanish rice, rolls, cake and coffee were served. After supper, dancing was enjoyed in the gymnasium until 9:30.

Motorists: Say it with brakes and save on the flowers.

No domestic science course is necessary to enable a girl to make a traffic jam.

Mr. Smith—"Can you tell me what class Barium is in?"

Ethel—"Sure, it's an undertaker's motto."

The junior class will give a toboggan party next Monday night.

Washington the Surveyor



GOODFELLOWSHIP ENTERTAIN TEACHERS

The Good Fellowship club was hostess to the teachers of our public schools at a delightful bridge party Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Marius Hanson.

It being St. Valentine's day, the tallies were quaint, old fashioned corsage bouquets with a heart attached. Nine tables were filled for the game. Misses McLain and Roth-enburger being presented the prizes.

The committee on arrangements were Mrs. C. G. Clippert, Mrs. Lorraine Sparkes, Mrs. Oscar Schumann and Miss Bates.

The affair was a very pleasant way of becoming better acquainted with our teachers.

Barber—"Haircut?"

Norval—"Yeah, a girlish bob."

On the great clock of time there is but one word—now.

The West Branch high school team plays our team here Friday night, Feb. 18.

The girls play Boyne City here, Feb. 25th.

Margrethe H.—"Papa, I won't need any new clothes this summer."

Mr. H.—"Ye, Gods, I was afraid it would come to that."

Basketball Plans are almost complete for the tournament to be held here March 10, 11, 12.

Entries have been made with Wolverine, Vanderbilt, Gaylord, Roscommon, West Branch, St. Joseph, Houghton Lake. Inquiries have been received from Lake City and McBain.

Mr. H. Huebner of the Saginaw Y. M. C. A. is expected to be an official.

All teams except Grayling, Gaylord and Lake City are in class D. These three teams being in class C. All Class D teams have greatly improved since last year's tournament. Keen competition is expected between Vanderbilt and Roscommon, each having defeated the other last year.

WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES The club met at the home of Mrs. Marjorie McNamara Monday evening, Feb. 14.

Mrs. Laura Olson read a splendid paper on "Books worth Shelf Room," prepared by Professor Rankin of Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Olson heard the original in the form of a lecture while attending the state convention in October.

The returns from the election of officers held last week, Feb. 7th are as follows:

President—Mrs. Bertha Peterson. 1st Vice Pres.—Margaret Hemmingson.

2nd Vice Pres.—Eva Joseph. Recording Sec'y—Isa Granger.

Cor. Sec'y—Marjorie McNamara. Treasurer—Mrs. Jennie Sorenson.

There will be a preliminary game between the boys teams of the 6th and 7th grades. The sixth grade, during the first semester, in a grade

ROSCOMMON LAD FOUND DEAD

Reuben Johnson, aged 16 years, and a brother of Miss Ellen Johnson, nurse at Mercy hospital, was found dead late Tuesday afternoon, just over the Crawford county line, where he had gone trapping, along Beaver Creek.

The lad was on skis and had a loaded shotgun with him, which he evidently was using as a ski pole, and it is believed the gun was accidentally discharged after the trigger had caught on a willow bush near where the body was found.

Young Johnson liked to trap and hunt and spent most of his leisure time in that manner. He left his home early Monday afternoon to look at his traps and when he did not return in the evening, his father, William Johnson, set out to find him, thinking that probably he had been hurt or lost in the swamp. However, when he did not locate him, he decided that he had gone to a neighbor for the night, so he returned home and in the morning went over to Ernst John's farm, where he thought the boy was, but he had not been there. Mr. John, together with Mr. Johnson, started through the woods, and after searching most of the day the father found the lad's lifeless form crumpled in the snow where he had fallen after being shot, the gun still grasped in his hand.

Besides the bereaved parents and sister, Miss Ellen, one other sister and brother survive.

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INDEPENDENTS DEFEAT MIDLAND

Grayling Independents, after fully recovering from the defeat East Jordan handed them last Thursday, came back strong Saturday night, and playing up to their old form, marched through "Dickies" Midland Independents, and came out on the long end of a 25-23 score.

The game was a "nip and tuck" affair and nobody's game until the last few minutes of play.

Midland drew a margin in the first half, being at its greatest when the score was 9-3. At this phase of the game the Indies got started and tied up with the "Dickies," the first half ending 12-12.

Johnson and McPhee were the "big noise" of the locals, the former making seven baskets, and the latter playing a stellar guard game came through in the last few seconds of play to cage the basket that cinched the game for him and his teammates.

The line-up:

Grayling: Reynolds, F. Johnson, F. Robertson, F. Hanson, C. Burnham, G. McPhee, G. Milnes, G.

Midland: Gleason, F. Ovaite, F. Parker, C. Dickie, C. Martin, G. Quinn, G.

Field baskets: Johnson, 5; Reynolds, 3; McPhee, 2; Burnham, 1.

Foul throws: Burnham, 2 in 3; Reynolds, 1 in 1.

Score first half, tie—12-12. Final score: 25-23.

Referee: B. E. Smith. Timekeeper: Carlyle Brown. Scorer: Don Reynolds.

The preliminary game was played between the first and second high school girls teams, players being so divided that half of each team played together, calling themselves, one the Orange and the other the White.

It was a hot contest, each side putting forth their very best efforts to win. However, the Orange side came out victorious, the game ending 20 to 25. Gertrude Loskos of the Orange side made 16 of the points for her teammates, while Ailida Larow rang up 20 of the points for the White side.

tournament, won much favor, winning all games but one.

First game called at 7:30. Independent game at 9:00 o'clock. The locals are going good, and fans should give them their whole-hearted support.

Charles Tiffin, generally known as "Chub" and Laudy Harrison are in jail, charged with breaking and entering the stores of B. A. Cooley and Carl W. Peterson and the gas station of Alfred Hanson.

The robbers entered the stores of B. A. Cooley, Carl W. Peterson and the Alfred Hanson filling station Monday night by breaking in through back windows. About \$250 worth of jewelry, consisting of gold watches, rings and cash were taken from the Cooley store. They did not fare so well at the other places. After entering the back room of the Peterson store the marauders were stopped by an inner door that they seemed unable to open. A small amount of cash was missing from the cash register at the Hanson filling station. The local officers are of the opinion that the perpetrators were tramps, as a number of suspicious looking characters had been seen in the city the preceding night.

Sheriff Bohnenmeyer and his officers got busy on the trail and soon found clues that pointed to local talent and yesterday Tiffin was apprehended, but stoutly denied having had anything to do with the robbery. Last evening Harrison was taken into custody of the officers, and before they left him at the jail he confessed to the crime. Tiffin was again apprehended and he too admitted his guilt, according to reports.

Much of the plunder was found in the river near the lower bridge where it evidently had been dumped on the night of the robbery. A number of the rings taken from the Cooley jewelry store are still missing from the stolen articles. The two boys will have a hearing this afternoon.

FOR SALE—PLANTS AND CUT FLOWERS

Mr. R. J. Peterson, of the Grayling Greenhouses has offered the Hospital Aid Society forty per cent off on all plants and cut flowers sold on Friday, February 18 for the benefit of Mercy hospital.

All plants and flowers will be sold at the regular prices. You will get the same service you would get any other day. You may order by phone, if you desire; all orders will be delivered. There will be two ladies from the Hospital Aid, at the greenhouse from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. waiting to serve you.

Please help us by taking advantage of Mr. Peterson's generosity and buy a plant or some flowers. It won't cost you any more; it will help the hospital and also add a little beauty and sunshine in your home. Just keep the day and date in mind and give us an order, Friday Feb. 18, and Mr. Peterson will see that you receive your plant or flowers, in his usual fine style.

Principal Events In Grayling 25 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 25 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, February 20, 1902

F. L. Michelson was down from Johannesburg to spend Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jerome have been taking a week's outing with friends at Saginaw.

Chas. Covert has started a new dry line, thinking two might find enough to do in the village.

M. Laland has moved out of the hotel, and Mr. Countryman is taking possession. We trust the new host will meet with unqualified success.

Fred Sleight has bought the house of Mrs. Joseph Patterson on Ogema street, and will move in next week. They will have more room.

Mr. O. B. Shook of Waters is moving here, and we understand will take a position in the planing mill. He will occupy the house vacated by Fred Sleight.

The break in the dam of the Electric Light Co. is so serious that repairs will probably not be attempted until it thaws out in the spring. The loss is estimated at \$3,000.00, besides the disappointment.

Mrs. J. S. Jensen had the misfortune to slip on the icy walk near the Presbyterian church last week Wednesday evening, and fracture one of her limbs. She is reported comfortable, but it is an unwelcome rest.

In our report of the Rasmusson fire alarm last week, we gave credit to Mr. Benedict of Beaver Creek for getting Hose Cart No. 1. He is entitled to the praise for he made a gallant run, but we have since learned that John Olson beat him, and had the hose cart hitched to his dray before he arrived. John always gets there, if he is in this part of the village.

Herb Mitchell, the last of the band boys that joined Silver Bros' circus, about a year ago, returned home the beginning of the week.

Arthur Brink came down from Dewar Tuesday evening to see the kids and get a change of raiment. He seems to like his place, but says it would be more comfortable repairing an engine in a house than out doors.

Mrs. Joseph Patterson came home last Thursday, accompanied by L. J. Patterson of the Tawas Herald. She will remove to Brighton as soon as her business can be arranged, having already packed and shipped her goods. She will be greatly missed from our society.

R. Hanson was called to Johannesburg Monday on account of the death of his brother's wife, Mrs. John Hanson, who moved from here to a farm near that place several years ago. She leaves her husband, one boy four years old, and a pair of twin boys a week old, with many friends to mourn her death. The body will be brought here for burial from the

the Alpena Concert Co. of Alpena, the most popular young lady, was awarded to Miss Bee Patterson, who received 119,576 votes, which is pretty good for our small town.

The Ladies Aid society, about twenty in number, met at Mrs. J. Johnson's last Friday, and went to H. Ward's farm. They had a splendid dinner and a good time which was enjoyed by all.

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PUBLICITY:

A New Way to Work for Our Town

Get out your KODAK and take a few nice winter pictures. If you get a real good one get prints and mail them to your friends. Show them how nice it is up here in the snow and how fine for winter sports.

We sell Kodaks, Film and everything made by the Eastman Kodak Co.

Publicity will get them coming and it will be benefit for them as well as us.

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GRAYLING, MICH.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1927

THE CITIZENS' CAUCUS for the village of Grayling will be held on Friday evening, Feb. 18th, at the courthouse, beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

At this time the following nominations will be made: village president, clerk, treasurer, three village trustees for 2 years and one assessor.

Following are those whose terms expire: T. W. Hanson, president; Chris Jensen, clerk; Roy O. Milnes, treasurer; J. W. Sorenson, assessor, and Frank Sals, Geo. McCullough, and George Sorenson, trustees.

Let's have a big attendance at the caucus and help to elect progressive and vitally interested people for the head of our village government. Let the croakers croak and knock if they feel that they must do so, but Grayling has always been the liveliest and best town in the north, and let's keep it that way. What this city is 20 years from now depends very much upon our actions today. To plan for 20 years ahead we believe would be good reasoning—improved streets, better store buildings, attractive street lighting, bubbling fountains of pure drinking water, and a beautiful, artistic, flowing fountain in the center of Peninsula and Michigan avenues, wire poles off the street, and many other civic improvements, and everybody pulling together. Let's go!

Since writing the above a People's Caucus has been announced, to be held at the court house Monday night, February 21 at 8 p. m.

WANTS TO BE "WET" CANDIDATE

Professor Nicholas Murray Butler of New York, who with one and the same breath withdrew Coolidge from the Presidency and coyly offered his own blushing violet personality as a substitute, apparently has not been able to get his message over. When one essays the role of being "the voice in the wilderness" it is well to have a thought in advance that the loud speakers and amplifiers are in place. Having failed to take this precaution, Professor Nicky's "voice" became a whiskey whisper before it reached the people.

Wholly apart from the question as to whether the President should or should not be a candidate for another term, the newspapers of the country apparently took the position that Nicky was speaking before he had been invited. The principal papers, north, east, south and west having small regard apparently for the solemnity of Nicky's personality devoted their energies to poking fun at the revered and learned Professor of Columbia University. In short, what Dr. Butler had hoped would be a speech from the throne, has apparently been interpreted by the country at large as a vaudeville gag from the footstool.

Of course, the Doctor told us that he was speaking for New York, and that New York must have a wet candidate or it would leave the Union, but political precedent has long since shown, that a direct New York ownership label is about the worst handicap that any presidential candidate can have.

WITHOUT APOLOGIES

We all have our pet peeve. We have one. We like to see a collector lay his bill on the counter without apologies and ask for his money—why shouldn't he? He has earned his money and accommodated me by charging it for my convenience. Our pet peeve is the fellow who hides our bill in his pocket and introduces his mission by asking how much he owes when he owes nothing—sort of slips up on your blind side and tries to sugar-coat the quinine.

P. C. PETERSON PASSES AWAY

The unexpected death of P. C. Peterson at Grayling Mercy hospital yesterday morning was a shock to his family and many friends. Mr. Peterson took ill Sunday, and Monday night was taken to the hospital, where he passed away at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The funeral will be held at the family home on Michigan avenue tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with Rev. J. Herman Baughn and Rev. K. Johnde officiating. Grayling Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 137 will be in charge of the services.

Peter Christian Peterson was born in Taarup, Syn. Denmark, May 15, 1868. He came to America forty years ago locating in Manistee, two years later coming to Grayling where he has since resided. July 9, 1904 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Anine Fischer-Larsen, who with a step-son Ernest Larsen survives the deceased. He has no other relatives in this country excepting three cousins who reside in the west.

It was hard to believe that Mr. Peterson, who was more familiarly known among his friends as "Chris," had passed away, as only a few days before he had been on a job which he was doing very well.

The family have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

HELP SCOUTS EARN UNIFORMS

It is a rule in scouting that each scout earn the money for his or her uniform even though the parents can well afford to furnish them with the money for that purpose. This is not compulsory, but advisable.

Therefore the scout councils have decided to help the boy and girl scouts in this way, by announcing that if anyone has a job which a boy ranger (ages 8 to 11 inclusive) can do, please phone Rev. J. H. Baughn, such jobs as cleaning snow from the sidewalk, running errands or delivering washings or parcels, etc.

Or notify Howard Granger if a boy scout (ages 12 to 18) is needed. Or notify Mrs. J. Speck if a girl scout is needed to stay with children, or for sweeping and dusting on Saturdays, or numerous little jobs a girl can do. Some of the girls have had sewing in school and could do plain sewing, at least.

It is expected that they will be paid just what their services have been worth to you, and what you would pay anyone else for the same class of work.

The scouts will be found to be very anxious to do the work properly and just the way you want it done. Members of the councils are sure the people of Grayling will respond to this call and help the scouts and rangers to help themselves.

UTILITIES MOST PROMISING

(By William McMahon, president New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

Reports of corporate earnings for 1926 are mostly all published. The public has been disappointed in some and agreeably surprised in others. The low priced rails have undoubtedly kept their turn in market activity, with the exception of a few such as Missouri, Kansas & Texas common and Chicago & Alton. For the most part, earnings of oil companies were better than was anticipated and the same may be said of the utility group. Sound policy for investors to pursue is to dispose of their weaker stocks and take up the stronger. By strong, I mean those which not only show satisfactory earnings in 1926, but which give assurance that same will be duplicated in 1927.

To get a line on general conditions, the situation of agriculture should be considered. If the farmers do not do any better this year, the general conditions will be adverse. If they do better, the present year will be more prosperous than last. On the whole, the price trend of farm commodities indicates that it will be upward.

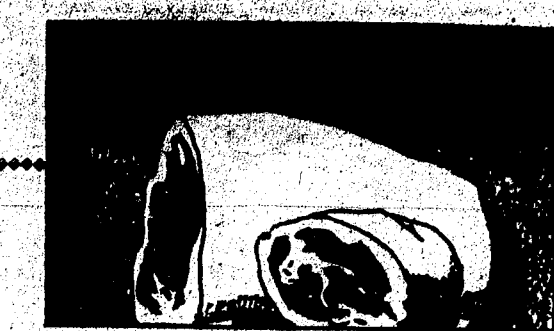
The dividend policies which were liberal among utilities last year, may at least be sustained this year, and more the industry is becoming stabilized. Safe and sane expansion programs are afoot. As communities increase, earnings increase. Among the utilities, common stocks may be purchased possessing all the attributes of safety and many bonds possess. In many instances the yield already is in excess of current rates. Some of these will appreciate in market price. Following are some of the utilities that may be safely purchased for investment and for advance in price: American Tel. & Tel., yielding 6 per cent; Brooklyn Edison paying 6 per cent with the likelihood of an increase in the dividend rate; Columbia Gas & Electric with a yield of 6 per cent with increased earnings and good outlook. Montana Power, yielding in excess of 6 per cent with the strong probability of a dividend increase; Pacific Gas & Electric yielding nearly 6 per cent with earnings growing better and enhancement in market price probable; Utilities Power & Light A yielding 7 per cent with growing earnings, and Louisville Gas & Electric A paying close to 7 per cent with a more liberal dividend policy fairly assured.

HOME GROWN FEED CHEAPER

Home grown feeds for cattle and hogs are better and cheaper than commercial ones if the right kinds are grown and are properly prepared, is the conclusion drawn by the Research department of the National Association of Farm Equipment Manufacturers after collecting data from a large number of state experiment stations. Alfalfa, soy beans, silage, sweet clover, form the basis for the home grown rations. Alfalfa, ground into meal with a roughage grinder or fed as hay, is one of the best dairy cow feeds available. Ground, to be planted to these crops, should be limed by lime spreaders and sowers to insure a large yield and to avoid winter killing of the alfalfa and sweet clover. Drilling on well prepared ground is recognized as the best way to plant soy beans while specially designed alfalfa and grass seeders insure an even distribution of the smaller seeds.

Honor Accorded Actress

The first member of the theatrical profession to gain the Hall of Fame was Charlotte Chushman in 1915, according to an answered question in Liberty.



Perfect Refrigeration Keeps Our Meats in perfect condition. Through this medium, we are able to season our Meats properly, thus insuring their reaching your table in fine condition.

Burrow's Market

Phone No. 2

Local News

Take your Prescriptions to Central Drug Store.

Fish—Will have a supply all winter. C. R. King.

Elmer Johnson made a trip to Detroit Monday.

Your help in the sale of plants and flowers at the Greenhouse Friday, Feb. 18 will help the hospital.

Special for Saturday only—\$1.00 Allen A silk stockings, 3 pairs for \$2.00. Grayling Mercantile Co.

Plants and flowers will be sold at the regular prices at the Greenhouse, Friday, Feb. 18. Only on that date, forty per cent goes to the hospital.

The merchantable stocks of potatoes on hand in Michigan on January 1, 1927 are estimated at 10,119,000 bushels as compared with 7,200,000 one year ago.

Mrs. Clarence Brown left Tuesday afternoon for Detroit to spend a couple of weeks visiting her brother, Frank Woodruff and family and other relatives.

Fake check artists are said to be working in Michigan again. The real estate proprietors who agreed to cash no checks as long as the bank served no meals, had the right idea. If you persist in going into the banking business don't be surprised if you get stung occasionally.

The great Breach of Promise suit will long live in your memory. Miss VanAckward's heart-breaking story will melt you to tears; J. Milton's heartlessness will cause you to arise in anger. But will it? If you are at the Michigan Memorial church next Thursday night, February 24th you will be able to decide.

"The party tonight at the Temple, which is the usual weekly dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas, will be one of the best parties given this season," said Mr. Thomas, "with lots of novelties, contests, and a dancing specialty by Miss Anna Thomas. Dancing will start at 9:30 and continue to 1:30, at the usual prices."

In honor of the 12th birthday anniversary of Martha Sorenson, Mrs. Waldemar Jensen entertained several girls Sunday afternoon from 2:30 until 6:00 o'clock. Mildred Hanson and Helen Sorenson won prizes in a couple of contests. The decorations were in keeping with St. Valentine, and a very delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Jensen.

Mrs. John Speck's Sunday school class, known as the Bluebird girls, had a delightful Valentine party in the M. E. church parlors Friday evening, each girl inviting a boy friend to enjoy the affair with them. Following a series of games the young folks were treated to delicious refreshments, the table decorations being carried out in St. Valentine fashion.

Mrs. Alfred Bebb invited in a number of friends Thursday evening of last week to help surprise Mr. Bebb on his birthday anniversary. Contests were enjoyed, prizes being won by Miss Ann Peterson, Mrs. Ben DeLamater, Daniel Brando and Dr. R. E. Goslow. The lunch table was spread with a heart tablecloth and centered with a pretty birthday cake holding candles.

Plan to attend the Knights of Pythias party at the school gymnasium on Washington Friday evening, Feb. 22nd. The Pythians have always had a reputation for giving enjoyable parties, and this is going to be a happy one for everyone in attendance. You are cordially invited to be present and bring your friends. Admission, \$1.00 per couple. Single admission for ladies, 50 cents, and spectators 25 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Giegling entertained with a dinner of very pretty appointments Monday evening, the occasion being their second wedding anniversary. The evening was spent playing bridge, high scores being held by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes and consoling by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jarman. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson, Miss Scott of Bay City and Fred Alexander.

The Valentine party held at the Temple Monday night, while not patronized very liberally, was a very pleasant success, and everybody enjoyed themselves immensely. The hall was beautifully decorated, adding a pleasant atmosphere to the occasion. There were plenty of souveniers, noise-makers, balloons and confetti which helped to liven the party to the highest degree. Everybody went home delighted with the evening's pleasures.

Have you participated in the toboggan slide parties? If not, you are missing a lot of good, clean, healthful fun. The slides are in operation every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights and Sundays. Everyone welcome. There is no charge.

Usually the fellow with an interesting past has the prospect of a very uninteresting future.

NOT FOR QUESTIONS



Mr. Freeman—Guess you won't charge me for asking a question, Mr. Laws?

Lawyer—No; the only expense involved is in requiring me to give you an answer, my dear sir.

A FREEZE-OUT



He—Why are you bringing my coat and hat?

She—Didn't you complain of my chilling manner?

NONE NEW TO HIM



"You can't teach an old dog new tricks."

"No, you can't find a trick that's new to him, I suppose."

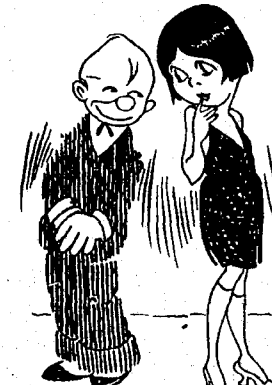
CHEATING AT POKER



"Some people aren't satisfied with all there is; they want more."

"That's so; I once played poker with a fellow who held five aces."

JUST SAY IT

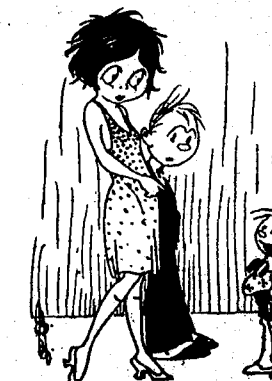


He—I love you more than anything on earth.

She—Wish I could say the same of you.

He—Why can't you? I did.

MUST KEEP QUIET



Sister—Bobbie, you know better than to speak quietly in when Mr. Jones is calling.

Bobbie—Y' mean I know better'n to make a lotta noise when I come in if I wanna see anything.

Folklore Museum

The following are perhaps the best known museums in the world specializing in folklore: Nordic museum, Stockholm; Museum of Volkerkunde, Berlin; and the Museum of Popular Traditions in Paris.

Reform Must Be Early

Men and nations can only be reformed in their youth; they become incorrigible as they grow old.—Rosseau.

Birds Sound Warning

Despite the fact that the blue jay is a persistent joker and a noisy, boisterous and happy-go-lucky chap, he is really a remarkable bird.

The blue jay and the crow have a distinctive language of their own and one which is understood by many other species of wild life. Ducks as well as deer, foxes, rabbits, squirrels, woodchucks and many others understand crow and jay talk.

Close observations have proved that many species of wild life will heed the alarm call of both the jay and crow and will immediately upon hearing either of these birds seek the shelter of their dens or some thick patch of briar.

"Petrified Lightning"

The weather bureau says that presumably petrified lightning is what is technically known as a "fulgurite." It is a more or less irregular glassy tube formed by the passage of lightning through sand (generally) or rock, which is fused along the path of discharge. The sand along the central portion of the path appears to be volatilized and driven out, hence the hollow tube, with the continuous glassy walls and rough, irregular outer surface.

Music Lovers' Gathering

The "standees" rail, running midway around the top gallery at the Metropolitan opera house, New York, is as much one of the sights as the "diamond horseshoe" in the same auditorium. It is the gathering place of a motley and democratic crew of music lovers from many foreign lands, and the only strict convention imposed is silence during the acts. One standee found himself in company with Russian piano teacher, a German butcher, an Italian laborer and a Cuban music student.

Indians' Sign Language

The gesture, or sign language, is of more importance than any one Indian tongue, there being seventy-six different Indian vocal languages and but one universal sign language. The Indians will readily teach one their spoken language, but seem combined against teaching the sign language. A man who lived with the Sioux Indians in the Dakota territory as a boy took ten years to get it, though there are only 761 words in the language.—From Adventure Magazine.

The Rack

The secretary of the golf club had been having a thoroughly bad morning, not only with the committee, but with various members.

He was touched when a nervous, polite, obviously new member, approached him.

"Do you mind telling me where I can hang my coat and hat? I've only just joined and I don't know my way about yet."

"Hang 'em on me, old chap," was the answer. "I'm the secretary."

OPPORTUNITY COLUMN

FOUND—A PAIR OF LEATHER driving gloves. Inquire at Postoffice, Grayling.

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Must be good cook and able to go ahead. Good pay. Apply Mrs. J. H. Baughn.

WORK WANTED—EITHER steady or short jobs, such as housework, office cleaning, etc. Miss Hannah Askins, postoffice, Grayling.

BABY CHICKS EVERY MONDAY and Thursday until July, from selected stock. Write for catalogue. Cherryvale Hatchery, East Jordan, Mich.

FARM FOR SALE—ONE MILE North of Grayling on M-14. Located near what is known as T. Town. Good location. Good soil on it. Jens P. Jensen, Grayling, Mich. 2-17-5

FRESH COWS FOR SALE—WILL sell 6 high class young Holstein cows, tested for tuberculosis and production. Can give exact age, date of freshening and weight of milk as our herd is in a cow testing association. We sell these because we have a dozen heifers soon to freshen. Two high class heifer calves, born Feb. 9, for \$10 each, if taken at once. We frequently have pure bred Holstein bull calves for sale cheap, if taken soon after birth. See Harold C. Bailey at farm at eastern city limits. Gaylord or R. D. Bailey, Grayling. tf.

LOST—FLOOR SCRAPER belonging to Kerry & Hanson Flooring Co. Party having it please return at once.

WANTED—A PLACE AS HOUSE-keeper. Write Mrs. L. E. Ashmun, Gaylord, Mich.

DISTRICT MANAGER—Well established reputable Detroit firm wishes to find live local representative willing to work hard for opportunity to make a lot of money. Must have best references. Address: Patterson, 19th Fl., Cadillac Square Bldg., Detroit.

FOR SALE—40 ACRES IN CRAWFORD county near Roscommon NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 N., Range 2 West. Inquire of O. P. Schumann, realtor, Grayling, Mich. Phone 1112.

BE QUICK—AMAZINGLY LOW chick and egg prices. Rocks, Reds, Leghorns purebred. Prompt shipment. Explanation free. O. P. Schumann, Hatchery, Merrill, Mich. 1-27-8

FOR SALE—STEEL Kitchen range, Inquire Jess Schoonover, at former Dr. Pool residence.

HOUSEWORK WANTED—CLEANing or any kind of housework. Leave word at Avalanche office.

TWO HOUSES FOR SALE IN Grayling. Going away and can't take houses with me. Walter Nelson, Beaver Creek Twp. Address, Roscommon, R. F. D. 1-18-4

SELWOOD SLEEPY CAT

by FRANK H. SPEARMAN

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THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—At Sleepy Cat, Doctor Carter tells Wentworth, freighting boss of a shooting scrape in Bartoo's gambling den, in which John Selwood, gambler, in defense of his wounded partner, Dave Tracy, shows remarkable skill and nerve.

CHAPTER II.—A year afterward, Selwood, now Wentworth's representative at Sleepy Cat, driving his buckboard, comes upon a settler whose wagon has been in a creek. He helps get the outfit clear, after picking up a girl who has been attracted by the supposed owner thereof in Fryer's (the settler's) wagon. Moses McCracken, a youth, is rebuffed by Selwood in a Sleepy Cat gambling den. His mother tells McAlpin, Selwood's barn boss.

CHAPTER III

Gentleman John.

The evening was young when McAlpin stepped briskly into the gambling room. It was well lighted by handsomely bracketed kerosene lamps on the side walls and by elaborate hanging lamps. The center hanging lamp was a particularly brilliant affair, the pride of the janitor, Bull Page, a broken cowboy, who always saw that this particular lamp was in the pink of good order.

Like one familiar with his surroundings, McAlpin walked directly up the middle of the long room, nodding here and there to an acquaintance, and directed his steps to the upper right-hand corner, in which, apart somewhat from the tables, a flat-topped desk faced McAlpin diagonally. Behind the desk stood a swivel armchair; on a wall shelf behind the chair there reposed a card photograph, crudely framed, of a man in the uniform of a Union soldier. Beside this, but more conspicuous because much larger, stood a glass dome of the kind used to cover French mantel clocks. Under this dome there reposed already, in place of the expensive clock, which had been removed to make place for it, a single slender high shoe, evidently the shoe of a girl of eighteen or twenty years. It showed but little wear and, during the evening, attracted much attention and elicited many questions. But beyond the vague statement that it was there for good luck, no explanation to any one was then or afterward forthcoming from Selwood.

McAlpin watched the play a few minutes with the air of one that had graduated from that form of entertainment, and sauntered back toward the front door. There his active eye fell on a man of medium stature standing with his hands in his pockets, leaning against the door jamb and looking out into the street. He showed in his copper-colored face the hue of an Indian. Bob Scott, party of Chippewa blood, and carried a Sioux captive—far from the hunting grounds of his fathers, was now a retainer of John Selwood's. McAlpin ambled up to him like an old acquaintance, which, in fact, he was.

"I'm looking for the boss, Bob," he said with some importance in his tone.

The Indian only drew his hands from his pockets to place them behind his back on the jamb he was leaning against, and smiled in friendly fashion.

"I'm thinking he went up the river. If he did, he ought to be back by now."

"What would be going up the river for?" asked McAlpin with native suspicion.

"To see a man."

"What man would John Selwood want to see up river?"

Scott smiled enigmatically. "May be the old padre—the one that travels the way sometimes with the Blackfeet."

"I hear he let Big Haines go this morning, Bob," said McAlpin cavalierly. "What for? He was the fastest dealer in the house."

Bob Scott, smiling, only held up his right forefinger and crooked it.

"What does he want to see the old padre about?" demanded McAlpin with an air of impatience.

Scott, looking over McAlpin's shoulder down the street, made a definite announcement. "There comes Selwood, Jim, suppose," he added, smiling evasively. "You ask him."

McAlpin cherished a genuine regard for the young boss, as he sometimes called Selwood, and with all his turns and quirks, loyalty was in the fiber of McAlpin's make-up. He gave value received to whomever he sold his service, and in return had things in his official servitude mostly his own way. He understood perfectly well how to wheedle a boss and how to bully him, when to say things and when to keep silence.

"I can't be put off much longer, John," he declared, low but emphatically, keeping just half a deferential step behind Selwood as the two walked up the gambling hall toward Selwood's desk. "We've got to have more room down there or push some of the mules into the river. The harness room is that crowded you couldn't skin a cat in it without nicking a breech strap."

Selwood walked at a leisurely pace past the well-filled tables, listening to McAlpin, but with his eyes, keen and grayish blue, taking in the scene before him. He was slender, evenly built, and carried himself very lightly—walking with much the springy step of a West Pointer. Two spots of color in his cheeks revealed the con-

stitutional weakness that had brought him to the mountain country—a weakness now so well checked that at twenty-seven he looked fresh and boyish among men who, though hardly older in years, seemed to have felt more heavily the hardships of frontier life. There was nothing aggressive about his appearance; but his gray eyes chilled his manner when his face was in repose, and he was known to waste but few words in reaching a conclusion, and none in pursuing a vain dispute.

He heard patiently McAlpin's complaints as to the crowded condition of the barn, and only reminded him that the coming of the railroad would mean the cutting off of much freight and that there would soon be more room at the barn than business.

"And," he added, "don't lose a chance to let go any mules you can sell to advantage."

So saying, Selwood tossed his hat on the desk and sat down. McAlpin hurried through the preliminaries of his story with every indication of nervousness, twirling his cap at intervals with his fingers and hesitating at times for a word or phrase to estimate the effect on his hearer, who was looking, as he listened, over a batch of reports Lefever, the wagon boss, had left on his desk.

But try as he would, McAlpin could gain no clue to the impression he was making. It was only after Selwood looked up at the close of the recital that McAlpin could even guess what he might expect; then Selwood shook his head as if annoyed and his first words dashed McAlpin's hopes.

"Why bring that kind of a story to me?" he asked. He spoke without feeling, but as if his time were being imposed on. "They rob people down there all the time. That's their business," he continued, fixing his eyes again on the papers before him. "Go back to your den and forget yourself."

"John," pleaded McAlpin, low and softly but persistently, "I want to tell you: this is a hard case, a blamed hard case. It's Bunt's Bartoo's work—he's the biggest all-round thief in Sleepy Cat. Starbuck's got an interest in that place. Half the money—I'm saying half, John—goes straight into Starbuck's pocket. It's a crime," exclaimed McAlpin, half-whispered desperation, "the way that man Starbuck is picking up money."

It would have needed a full knowledge of the local situation to realize McAlpin's craft in his last appeal. Selwood, he knew, liked Starbuck less than he did any man in Sleepy Cat. With but a slight acquaintance between the two, there was, on either side, no regard lost. And McAlpin knew that if it worried Selwood as much as it did him to see such men picking up money easily, he could be stirred by the reminder of it.

Yet all he could urge on this score left Selwood cold. And perceiving that no impression was made, but rather that Selwood's eyes were wandering over the room, McAlpin added that Lefever had come in with a new saddle pony that afternoon, and perhaps Selwood would like to step down to the barn a minute to look it over.

This news had quite a different effect on the hard-headed gambler. The pony, a present from Ben Wentworth, the active owner of the wealthy freighting company of which Selwood was a division superintendent, had been eagerly awaited a week—for Selwood loved a horse and the record of his early years in the saddle entitled him to judge one.

The sight of the pony, groomed to an actual polish, did gratify Selwood. "If her action is up to her brag, she's all right," he said, as McAlpin swung the lantern away from the box stall. "I'll try her out later this evening."

Sounding her praises craftily, McAlpin steered his boss into the office, where Mrs. McCracken and Moses sat in solemn silence. Selwood, paying no attention to them, drew a roll of bills and handed one to McAlpin. At that moment McAlpin, thanking him earnestly, jerked his head toward Mrs. McCracken to bid her rise. He hurriedly introduced her to Selwood and pointed to Moses dramatically.

Moses stood miserably up, but, despite McAlpin's insistent nodding, the woman appeared unable to rise. She tried to, but could not. Selwood cast a cold eye on her. McAlpin bade her tell her story. Fortunately for the unlucky woman, she could not even do that: telling it so many times in so few hours had left her too exhausted even to speak. But she looked the story out of her mournful eyes. They stirred something in Selwood that words would perhaps not have reached. "This is the man, ma'am, that can get you back your money," said McAlpin, pointing emphatically to Selwood. "If he wants to. Tell him," he bawled, starting for the gateway door. "You want him to!"

Hobbling quickly from the room, McAlpin left Selwood at the mercy of the dumb appeal. The woman, galvanized into a sort of life by McAlpin's words, started, rose, snatched into McAlpin's chair, choked, and managed to ask one unfortunate question: "Are you the sheriff, sir?"

A faint grin overspread Selwood's features—it was his only answer.

"Or the marshal, sir?" she ventured.

McAlpin, listening outside, decided she had killed every chance of help. He could not see Selwood's face but

felt a heavy silence.

"Is this your mother?" McAlpin, after a pause, heard Selwood ask the question of the boy and heard the boy's affirmative answer.

"What kind of specimen are you?" McAlpin hurried down the barn to get away from the tongue-lashing that he knew was to follow—for Selwood was credited with a frontier vocabulary not alone uniquely forcible but also extremely biting.

The barn boss was brought back to the scene by a sharp call from Selwood, who bade him look after the woman. In the excitement—and much to Selwood's annoyance—she had fainted and fallen into Selwood's arms. When McAlpin had taken her in hand—and as a widower he knew how to hold a baby or a woman—Selwood spoke sharply to Moses and told him to come with him.

He had said no word as to his intentions, but McAlpin knew exactly what they were. Pushing the boy impatiently ahead, Selwood stepped into the street and slammed the door behind him.

Bartoo's place, in the River quarter, besides those periodically victimized within it, had a regular following of the characters that haunt the border-line between honest men and rogues—always a considerable one on the frontier—and a sympathetic following of the parasites moving in and out of Sleepy Cat; men who, like the habits of Bartoo's, lived wholly by their wits.

It was ten o'clock at night when Selwood walked into this place with Moses McCracken in tow. Bartoo, soft-spoken and the trouble of anything for a colloquy but few to waste on compliments, met Selwood with the doubtful grin of a man that can't figure out exactly what is coming. With his eyes roving apologetically from Selwood's words to Moses' solemn face, Bartoo listened attentively to all that was said. Moses, meantime, following earlier explicit directions, was looking carefully at the few men standing in the room. As Selwood finished, Bartoo, resting his eyes on Moses, spoke mildly: "I never saw this fellow before, that I know of. We ain't seen six hundred dollars at once here in a month. This fellow's picked the wrong place, that's all."

Selwood gave no credence whatever to the expected denial, but Moses, aware of the trouble of anything so by pointing suddenly to a man sitting alone at a card table across the room, pouring over an old and well-thumbed illustrated newspaper. "There's the man that brought me in here—and this," he looked Bartoo in the eye—"is the man that was dealing the three cards." Bartoo only laughed. Moses, he insisted, quite unruffled, was mistaken—a thing that might happen to any man. "I make mistakes, myself," he said pleasantly to Moses, whose stubbornness in repeating his accusation gave Bartoo no offense.

But Selwood showed immediate interest in the man with the newspaper. He was a liveryman who traded in stolen horses when he safely could, and in stolen goods when he could not. Selwood had already suffered at his hands—or his employ-

ees, Russell and Wentworth had—and this seemed a time to "round him up proper," as Jim McAlpin would have expressed it.

Selwood raised his voice. "Atkins!" he said. "Look here a minute."

Atkins glanced stupidly over at the three, who stood with their eyes on him. "Come over here, Atkins," said Selwood again.

The expression of Atkins' face promised a poor response to the curt request. "I guess it's about as far from me over to you as it is from you over to me," he suggested, making to move to rise. Selwood wasted no time. He walked straight toward Atkins, who started up in alarm as Selwood briskly approached. "It may not be any farther one way than the other," retorted Selwood, "but you've picked the expensive way. I was willing to let you keep part of your stealings—now you and Bartoo hand out the six hundred dollars you robbed this lad of at Monte."

Men crowded up. Selwood knew every one of them. He knew about what each represented in the way of danger. But he abated nothing what of his aggressive insistence. Atkins, sullen and evasive, denying and threatening by turns, was for standing pat, as he had often done before. Bartoo, with better judgment, realized the man they had to deal with. Selwood gave little heed to the war of words kindled by his arbitrary attitude—the only sort of an effective one with the ruffians he was facing. When Atkins had wearied himself with brave words, Bartoo, encouraged by Selwood's silence, intervened more boldly himself. Selwood put up his hand to check both.

"Atkins," he said, without raising his voice, "this isn't the only score I've got to settle with you; but I'll settle this now. You robbed this fellow; you're going to pay him back every dollar you took. Now I'm done

with you for the present—Bartoo! You, the trouble of anything so by pointing suddenly to a man sitting alone at a card table across the room, pouring over an old and well-thumbed illustrated newspaper. "There's the man that brought me in here—and this," he looked Bartoo in the eye—"is the man that was dealing the three cards." Bartoo only laughed. Moses, he insisted, quite unruffled, was mistaken—a thing that might happen to any man. "I make mistakes, myself," he said pleasantly to Moses, whose stubbornness in repeating his accusation gave Bartoo no offense.

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question—not precisely an expected one. "What difference did you ever have with Dave Tracy?" he asked, without changing the expression of his eyes, and speaking in friendly tones and in a merely casual manner.

"Why, none at all that I recall this minute," declared Starbuck, covering the retreat of his surprise with a little celerity of answer. "I said we didn't—maybe always agree. But I'm no man to remember little differences—they don't mean anything to me. And nobody was sorer than I was to hear about it when Dave was shot down at Bartoo's. You sure doed the bunch that did it. Dave can thank you he's alive."

"It was poor shooting," murmured Selwood, inoffensively meditating. "And, as you say, Dave is getting on in years. And it was pretty near enough to flush him, Dave says," he rambled on, quietly, "that you and he split because he wouldn't pay you money for protection."

Starbuck showed his first impatience. "If Tracy said that—" he began.

"What's that?" demanded Selwood, with a shade more of life and carelessness in his tone—"If Tracy said that—"

"Not doubting your word at all, Selwood, in a town like this always has to be a peace-maker—you know that. The boys seemed to stick on me for the job. It ain't much of a job, nor one I was looking for. But I was foot-loose and took it to oblige. I found I was getting all the kicks and the boys getting all the money, so I asked them to chip in down along the line. Most of 'em did. Tracy and a few others didn't."

"Wasn't Tracy the only one that didn't?" asked Selwood impatiently. "That may be—I don't remember. But I never had any hard feeling against Tracy on that account. I want you to know that, Selwood. You seem," continued Starbuck with some irritation, "to want to stick to that subject. I didn't come here tonight to rake over old scores; I came here to try to patch up new ones. Selwood."

"Before we get out the sticking plaster," Selwood went on evenly, "let's get Dave's position clear—and mine. Dave felt that a place run like this place, where a straight game is dealt, didn't need any protection—neither the place nor the proprietors. It may be he made a mistake, but that's the way Dave felt—that's the way I feel. Now about this Bartoo business. He robbed today, among others, a boy here with his widowed mother, of six hundred dollars. I told Bartoo to give the boy back his money. He refused. I told him I'd clean him out in the morning or he could clean me out. There's no use of more words about it—that's all there is to it."

"Well," wouldn't say that's all, Selwood," observed Starbuck, asserting himself. "I can't keep law and order and I can't have any place burned in the business quarter of Sleepy Cat. He's in the gambling business same as you are."

Selwood jumped as if stung, and used a strong word. "Same as I am?" he echoed angrily. "Do I send out jailbirds like Atkins to drag men in here to rob them? What do you mean?"

It needed all of Starbuck's diplomacy to quiet things down. He rehearsed Bartoo's defense. He urged good feeling—all to no purpose. He found he could make no impression whatever on Selwood's firmness. He rose at length, indignant. "I see I can't reason with you. If anything unpleasant happens—don't hold me responsible!"

"Not if you keep out of it," observed Selwood, unperturbed.

"I'm here to keep the peace, not to keep out," retorted Starbuck, rising to his full height before him. His troublesome customer, Selwood rose in turn. "I believe you left Thief River just before I went there. He said calmly, 'You had some trouble regarding claim signs.'"

Starbuck blazed. "What do you mean?" he demanded.

"Miners will travel all night to round up a claim jumper. But I feel exactly as you do, Starbuck. Why rake up old scores?"

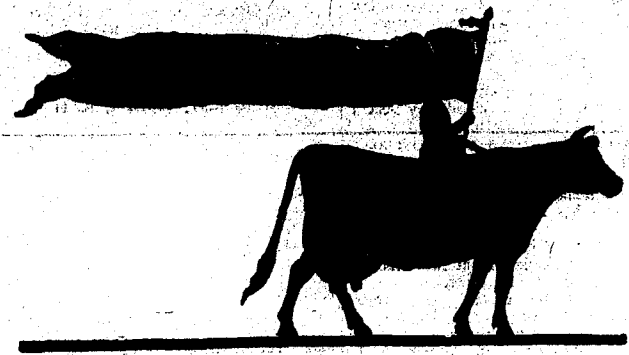
"As far as I'm concerned," exclaimed Starbuck, advancing hotly, as Selwood purposely retreated, "if you mean the bunch that tried to jump my claims down there—bring on your miners!"

"I'm not much on old scores, Starbuck," said Selwood sullenly. "I don't think we're going to have any trouble here—not you and I, anyway. Our teamsters can take care of Bunt's outfit tomorrow. I'm riding down to Thief River myself tonight on business and I'll tell McAlpin to keep a horse saddled for me. But I shan't start till eleven o'clock. I expect before that Bartoo will have that six hundred here. Drop in any time, Starbuck. Always glad to see you."

With this judicious and even-handed mixture of threats, hints, "anyways," and small talk, Selwood left Starb

Farm Bureau Notes

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The following notes are so much needed by our farmers that we have taken them without charge, from Hoard's Dairyman. We believe that the three following articles teach what should be practiced by our farmers.

Feeding Cows Before and After Calving

My cows will freshen within a month. I am feeding them sweet clover hay cut in October, from a seeding made last spring. The hay is fine, leafy, and of good quality. Besides the hay, I am feeding 3 pounds corn and cob meal and one-half pound of linseed meal to each cow twice daily. The cows are in good condition. Is there anything wrong with my feeding? My main trouble is to know how soon after calving I should increase the feed. Can one have a cow by getting her up on full feed too soon after calving? My cows are all heavy milkers. After these cows calve, I will have alfalfa hay, straw, corn, oats, and linseed meal to feed. What is a good ration and how should it be fed?

mixture and how much should calves have? What kind of hay is best?

Bussey, Iowa. O. B. A calf one month old should get 10 to 12 pounds of skim milk daily. This amount should gradually be increased until calves four months old are getting 16 to 18 pounds daily.

Young calves will usually begin to nibble at grain and hay when they are between 30 and 40 days old. These feeds should be placed available to the calves as getting a liberal supply of skim milk and have access to good quality legume hay, the grain mixture may be composed of equal parts of whole corn and oats, or barley may be included. At 40 days of age calves will be eating about one-half pound each of grain and hay daily. This amount should gradually be increased to where they are getting about 4 pounds of grain and 3 pounds of hay at 180 days of age, in addition to which they should get from 16 to 18 pounds of skim milk daily.

It is best to keep young calves just a little hungrier rather than to overfeed them. This applies particularly while they are under 4 months of age. Legume hay, such as red clover, alfalfa, or mixed hay with more than 50 per cent clover are all good for calves. Quality is important in hay for calves.

Pontiac, Ill. A. G. The fact that these cows are now in good condition is evidence that they have been receiving adequate feed. If we assume that the cows are eating 16 pounds of sweet clover hay daily, add to this the nutrients supplied in 7 pounds of corn and cob meal and one pound of linseed meal, we have 2.43 pounds of digestible protein and 14.51 pounds of total digestible nutrients. The daily requirements to merely maintain a constant weight in a 1,000 pound dry cow are 7 pound of digestible protein and 7.925 pounds of total digestible nutrients. From this it is seen that there is an adequate surplus of nutrients for increasing the body weight and for nourishing the fetus. This explains why the cows are in good condition.

One should not continue this same concentrates mixture right up to calving time, however, because of the large proportion of corn and cob meal. About three weeks before the cows are due to freshen the proportion of corn should gradually be reduced and bran and ground oats substituted for it. A few days before the cows freshen the corn should be entirely withdrawn from the mixture and one made of 4 parts bran, 2 parts ground oats, and 1 part linseed meal. The daily allowance of this mixture should gradually be restricted to where a cow will receive only 4 or 5 pounds, and it would be better that she receive only hay and water on the last day previous to calving. Following the birth of the calf the cow will need nothing but a warm bran mash for the first 24 hours. If the weather is extremely cold she should have warm water. Following this for three or four days a bran mash and legume hay will be sufficient, following which the mixture of bran 4 parts, ground oats 2 parts, and linseed meal 1 part will suffice for a week or ten days.

It is not a good practice to begin full feeding cows a few days after they freshen, especially cows in good condition. It is best to let them milk down a little and then gradually come up on the feed to where the nutrients supplied are adequate to meet the production requirements and also enable the cow to check the reduction in weight. We doubt if our inquirer will persuade his cows to eat much straw while they are getting good alfalfa hay. A good grain mixture to be used with alfalfa hay may be made of 400 pounds corn and cob meal, 400 pounds ground oats, 200 pounds bran, and 100 pounds linseed meal. The alfalfa hay should be fed to the limit of appetite; the grain mixture fed about 1 pound for each 3 1/2 pounds of milk produced daily.

Alfalfa as Roughage What is a good grain mixture to feed with alfalfa as the only roughage feed? I do not have silage. Corn is 65 cents, oats 45 cents a bushel; bran \$30, linseed meal, \$60, and cottonseed meal \$45 a ton.

Des Moines, Ia. W. C. C. Where alfalfa hay is the only roughage fed and the cows given all they will clean up, the grain mixture need not contain more than 10 per cent of digestible protein. In fact it could contain considerably less and still the complete ration would supply plenty of protein.

One of the factors of successful feeding is to have the ration palatable so the cows will be tempted to eat. Liberal quantities continuously throughout the lactation period. To make rations palatable one is sometimes justified in sacrificing some protein in order to get variety and to make the ration palatable.

A grain mixture composed of 400 pounds ground corn, 400 pounds of ground oats, 200 pounds bran, and 50 pounds of linseed meal contains 10 per cent of digestible protein. The linseed meal is put in because there is no succulence in the ration. While it does not take the place of succulence it does have a very beneficial laxative effect on the digestion. A ration consisting of 20 pounds alfalfa hay and 10 pounds of this mixture supplies enough nutrients for a 1,000-lb. cow to produce 30 pounds of milk a day and still have about three-fourths of a pound of digestible protein in excess of the requirement.

Feeding Calves How much skim milk should a calf one month old have; how much for a calf four months old? When should one start feeding grain and hay to young calves? What is a good grain

in the opposite direction. If the road is covered with drifted snow, or a part of the highway flooded, travelers must turn to the right of the traveled part of the road as it is then. If an obstruction on the right hand side of the highway, a washout, or a hole in a bridge or culvert, one can drive on the left side until the obstruction is passed, if he uses proper care when doing so.

33. How much Silver and Copper is Legal Tender for a Debt? Silver dollars and treasury notes are legal tender to any amount, unless otherwise stipulated in the contract. One need not take, against his will, more than \$10 in halves, quarters and dimes; nor more than 25 cents in nickels and pennies.

34. Are National Bank Notes Legal Tender? Yes, to the Government and between banks, but not to an individual. (Ordinarily it would be poor business to refuse them). If the amount one owes is in dispute, however, and he wishes to pay what he thinks is due, he should be very careful, for if he should offer money that is not legal tender and the other party should refuse it and afterwards sue, the court would be compelled to hold that no tender of payment had been made.

35. A few simple rules concerning Chinese geographical names? Each Chinese syllable has a distinctive meaning when grouped with other syllables: "King," as in Peking and Nanking, means capital, Peking being the capital of the north and Nanking of the south. "Pe," as in Peking and Hupeh, means north; "Nan," as in Nanking and Honan, means south; "Ho," as in Hwang-Ho and Honan, means river; "Kiang," as in Yangtze-Kiang and Kiangsi, means stream; "Chan," as in Fuchan and Suchan, means place (section of land); "Fu," as in Sian-Fu and Yunnan-fu, means west; "Tung," as in Tsingtau, means east; "Shan," as in Shantung, means mountain; "Tung," as in Kungtung, means east, and "Hu," as in Hupeh, means lake. "Shantung," for instance, is equivalent to "East Mountain," in English.

BACKWARD, TURN BACKWARD (From the Ionia News)

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight; Give me long hair again, just for tonight; Let me get busy, ere memory fades, Washing my tresses and doing my braids.

Let some beau call for me driving a horse; Even a tuckboard would not be so worse; Let us come trotting back, me at his side.

Let me say "Thanks for the old buggy ride," Let me give parties, where all behave well; Proper in manners and stories they tell;

Let some good dancer, with decorous Waltz me around with no flask on his hip; O, let me rest from this soul-killing pace— Throw away compact and cigarette case;

Tune out the radio, let me expand, Playing sweet airs on the upright or grand; Let me wear skirts that are down to my heels, Put on a bustle and see how it feels; How I'd love low heels, regardless of height, Give me my corsets back, just for tonight.

—Author not yet apprehended.

EPWORTH LEAGUE TO STAGE MOCK TRIAL

The most sensational event in local society this winter is the announcement that a \$50,000 breach of promise suit has been filed in the local court by Miss Cynthia VanAckward against the popular and handsome J. Milton Lighththead. Both of these individuals are well known and popular in local society, and the present action is almost as astounding as the announcement last fall of Miss VanAckward's engagement to the young man she is now bringing suit against.

On being interviewed Miss VanAckward refused to make any statement for publication other than admitting that she was bringing suit for damages, though she did say that though she wins all that she is asking for in the local courts she will still be broken hearted and her suffering not slightly relieved.

On interviewing Mr. Lighththead, we learned that he is considering the whole thing as a joke and while he says he is very much surprised at Miss VanAckward's action he has little fear of the outcome of the trial.

Because of the great importance of the case a special session of the court will be held on the evening of February 24th, court being called at 8:00 p. m. Sharp. Inasmuch as the local court rooms will not accommodate the many interested friends of the parties involved, the trial will be held in the auditorium of the Michigan Memorial church, on the date above mentioned under the direction of the Epworth League, and since they desire to utilize the occasion as a church benefit, a charge for admission will be made, which charge will be 20c and 35c. The most brilliant legal minds will be present representing both parties, a host of witnesses and the usual jury. Judge Tuftonum will occupy the bench.

THE PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY There is more reason at present for confidence that the railroad problems of the United States will be solved in a manner beneficial to the public, the employees and investors in railway securities than there has been within the last 20 years.

The progress made is due mainly to a better understanding of the railroads on the part of the public, and the future of the railway is in their hands.

DUST HURTS EYES

Lavoptik Removes Germs "I drive my car long distances and my eyes smart and burn. LAVOPTIK always makes them feel fresh and clear."—E. H. May.

LAVOPTIK is a mild, soothing antiseptic which helps eye pains and inflammation—surprisingly quick. Makes tired and weak eyes feel strong and fresh. Mac & Gidley, Drugists.

36. The fastest thing on legs? 37. The fastest mechanical conveyance? 38. The strongest man of modern times? 39. The tallest structure ever built by man? 40. When was the year without a summer? 41. If lost, could you tell the directions, in daytime by your watch, at night by the stars? 42. Some rules concerning Chinese personal names?

Correct Answers Given Next Week See how many you can answer by that time.

They will embrace the fundamentals of a liberal education—Get a scrap book and keep for future reference. (We invite constructive suggestions or criticisms.)

Answers to Last Week's Questions 29. How do the train brakes work? The engine has an air compressor, a tank and a control valve, each car a smaller tank, a triple valve, and a horizontal brake cylinder. The cylinder has two pistons, connected by a spiral spring. The train hose connects the engine tank with the tank under each car. A pressure of 70 to 80 pounds is maintained in the train pipe and each car tank, the brake cylinder empty and the brakes off.

To apply the brakes, the engineer opens the control valve, which reduces the pressure in the train pipe. Each car brake then works automatically and independently, thus: The pressure in the car tank, now being greater than in the train pipe, it moves the triple valve and opens a passage by which the air in the car tank rushes into the brake cylinder, forces the pistons of the cylinder apart and applies the brakes.

To release the brakes, the engineer admits air from the engine tank into the train pipe. This forces the triple valve back into place, closes the opening between car tank and brake cylinder and refills the car tank, at the same time opens an escape for the air in the brake cylinder and the pistons are drawn back to their original position by the spiral spring. The Westinghouse brake has saved more lives than were destroyed in all of Napoleon's wars.

30. The meaning of the Red Stripes on the Barber Pole? In former times barbers also acted as surgeons and performed the operation of bleeding, then a common remedy for most ills. The spiral red stripes symbolize the practice of winding a ribbon around the arm prior to letting the blood. The barber surgeons were incorporated in England in 1461; were united with the surgeons in the reign of Henry VIII. This connection was dissolved by an act reading in part: "The trade of a barber is foreign to an independent of the practice of surgery." Until recent times the surgeons of the Swedish navy acted as barbers for the crew.

31. Of what has the Finger Ring been a Symbol from the Remotest Time? From the remotest time the finger ring (usually connected with a seal) was an emblem of authority, which could be delegated by the simple process of delivering it to an agent. The cases of Pharaoh and Ahasuerus are instances of this. They have long been in almost universal use as a token of betrothal and marriage.

32. When can one Legally Drive on the Left Side of the Road? A vehicle, when passing, should turn to the right, each on his side of the center of the highway, or the traveled part of the road. It does not follow that because a driver is on the right hand side of the road he can disregard the rights of others coming

Michigan Happenings

Henry Ford has bought several thousand acres more of land on which he will try to prove to the farmer that what the farmers take a year to do in producing farm staples can be done in 10 to 20 days through organization, intensive specialization and use of labor-saving machinery. The Ford estimate would allow two days for ploughing and harrowing, one day for planting, five days for cultivation during the growth, two days for harvesting and threshing and the remainder of the time for ditching, fencing, distributing fertilizer, etc.

The village of Birmingham is to have a 100-foot highway on Woodward avenue this year and later another parallel road from 100 to 150 feet wide will be opened through the village to handle the increased traffic on wider Woodward. The parallel road will be built as soon as the wider Woodward avenue project is completed between Detroit and Pontiac. Such was the decision reached by the State Administrative Board and a resolution to that effect was adopted unanimously.

Intimations of an impending legislative battle were given when Dr. Clarence Cook Little, president of the University of Michigan, told newspaper editors of the state that a bill would be presented demanding the repeal of the mill tax limitation. Under the present law, the university is given for maintenance and operation six-tenths of each tax mill not exceeding \$3,700,000. If the limitation is removed, the university will next year derive \$4,320,000 from this source.

An injury suffered by falling in a bath tub at one's place of employment does not come under the provisions of the compensation act according to a decision handed down at Kalamazoo by the industrial accident commissioner, D. V. French. The ruling was made in the case of Jane Oldfield, an employee of the Pretty Lake vacation camp. Miss Oldfield was seriously injured last summer when she slipped and fell against the side of the bath tub at the Pretty Lake Camp.

An ultimatum has been issued to residents of the Vandye section south of Centerline and north of the Detroit City limits by the volunteer fire department of Centerline that it will not answer any more calls in that section unless accorded better treatment. The firemen say they have been subjected to ridicule, the residents laughing at them, whenever they answered an alarm in that section. The firemen have been making the runs free of charge.

Scores of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Emens, a mile east of Prattville, recently to help them celebrate their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary. Included in the gathering were eight sons and daughters of the couple, their grandchildren and great grand children. Of Mr. and Mrs. Emens 52 direct descendants not one has died. Both Mr. and Mrs. Emens are 91 years old.

\$166,000 tax, representing the State's share of the cost of a road through the Muskegon State Park, was ordered paid by the State Administrative Board. The board only recently learned of the charge. The total cost of the improvement was over \$200,000 and it was considered the State's assessment was exorbitant. The matter was referred to Atty-Gen. W. W. Potter, and he ruled the tax was legal and should be paid.

A young man walked into the emergency room of the Receiving Hospital in Detroit and stood waiting for some minutes until a nurse stepped forward and asked him what he wanted. Instead of replying, the man presented a note which read: "I'm not sick. I came here for treatment for my jaw. The injured jaw was treated."

The Michigan State prison north of Jackson, will have its first occupants some time before the end of this month, when 700 inmates of the old prison are to be moved to the new north cell block, which is practically complete, according to a statement by Warden Harry H. Jackson.

When he and his partner demonstrated too vigorously a Polish dance Mike Krawczyk, 28-year-old miner of Ironwood, suffered a compound fracture of the right leg. Mike "bore down" too hard with his right leg, he said, with the result that the leg "caved in."

Miss Lena Johnson, 81 years old, who leaped from a second story window at her home in Big Rapids, while asleep and dreaming one night recently, died as the result of her leap. One of her ankles was fractured in the fall, and death was declared to be the result of shock and exposure.

Members of the state police are not eligible to receive rewards offered for apprehension of criminals, according to an opinion rendered by Attorney General W. W. Potter.

Enforcement of blue laws that would prevent the playing of golf, the operation of drug stores and street cars, or even the selling of gasoline to motorists on Sunday may be demanded by the liberal element in the village of Birmingham, if the effort being made to prevent the construction of a motion picture house there should be successful. The outcome of the Sunday closing battle in Birmingham is being watched with interest by theater operators and religious workers all over the country—not to mention the golf fans of Birmingham!

An amendment to the Mother's Pension Act, making it necessary for pension applicants to have resided at least one year in the county where application is made and two years in the state to become eligible for a pension, was introduced in the House. Two more bills were introduced, one providing that only residents of the state can kill fox, mink, raccoon, skunk, muskrat, otter, fisher, marten or beaver. The other, a bill permitting railroads to make up trains with freight cars back of passenger coaches, if the latter are of steel construction.

Mrs. Vera G. Cochrane, 42 years old, and her uncle, Hugh D. Bartlett, 48, both of River Junction, near Jackson, pleaded guilty to charges of arson in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland. They admitted they took an automobile belonging to Mrs. Cochrane into Highland Town ship, where they ditched it and set it on fire to recover insurance of \$700. Mrs. Cochrane was preparing to move to New York and wanted to rid herself of the car, on which payments were still due.

Declaring he wanted to "make his wife cry because she would not live with him," Daniel "Dick" Fox, furnished information to Sheriff Percy Moore, which has led to the arrest of three men, including Fox's son, in connection with the \$10,000 mail robbery at Mt. Clemens, September 5, 1924. The money in transit from Mt. Clemens Savings bank to the First National bank in Detroit, was taken from a pouch at the railway station. The men under arrest have confessed.

A belated applicant for automobile license at the Mt. Clemens bureau recently was Helmut Boelter, of Roseville, and there was an incredulous look on the face of the clerk when he gave the model of his silver car as 1911. The engine number is 131371, and he claimed it has been licensed for 16 consecutive years. "If the old boat will hang together another year," he'll trade her in for a new one," was his laconic remark as he tucked the plates under his arm.

Farming again is the leading occupation of members of the Michigan Legislature. Thirty-two are farmers and 23 lawyers. Insurance men and druggists share third place with eight each. Real estate and bankers, six each; merchants and publishers, five each; automobile dealers, ministers, manufacturers and physicians, three each; locomotive engineers and miners, two each, and one each of various other occupations.

A measure designed to curb the use of pistols in Michigan and thus reduce crime, was introduced in the House. It provides for licensing owners and dispensers of revolvers, prohibits the possession of guns firing more than 12 shots, bans silencers, stiffens the penalties for carrying concealed weapons and authorizes penalties ranging from a \$1,000 fine to 10 years imprisonment for use of firearms in the commission of crime.

Gas escaping from a stove burner resulted fatally to William Northouse 38 years old, of Grand Rapids. A patrolman reported Northouse apparently had placed the coffee pot over the flame and then fell asleep, the coffee boiling over extinguished the fire and permitted the gas to fill the room. Northouse, probably dozing in a chair, was overcome and fell to the floor.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau in convention recently, made its position plain in support of capital punishment in Michigan. In the past most of the farmers have been opposed to the death penalty, but recent crimes have changed their minds. The resolution urging capital punishment was adopted by a nearly unanimous vote of the delegates.

A large store of ammunition was threatened and Army equipment valued at \$3,000 was ruined by flames recently which started in a basement storeroom in the Armory at Grand Rapids. Boxes containing rifle ammunition, three-inch shells and one pounders were scorched but the heat was not intense enough to explode the contents.

The report of the legislative commission created by the special session of 1926, exonerating the welfare committee of the American Legion, Department of Michigan, of charges of mishandling State funds turned over to it, has been presented to the Legislature. The report, in addition to exonerating the committee of charges, recommended that additional financial support for the carrying of welfare work among the veterans be given by the State.

APPEAL TO REASON

One fact stands out in bold relief in the history of men's attempts for betterment. That is when compulsion is used, only resentment is aroused, and the end is not gained. Only through moral suasion and appeal to men's reason can a movement succeed.—Samuel Gompers.

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Legislative Letter

By Len W. Feighner

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The legislature, returning to work February 2 from a two weeks vacation while committees visited various state institutions, is getting down to the real work of the session, and seems to be thoroughly imbued with the idea of getting the work done and with a vision ahead of an early adjournment. This, however, is chronic, and the wisecracks of the assembly say it will be along in the merry month of June before final wind up of the session.

One of the big issues of this session, as it was of the one of 1925, will be the capital punishment bogie. Present indications are that some form of capital punishment will carry, but indications were similar in 1925, when the measure failed by a narrow margin. Some of the legislators want to try out Governor Green's suggestion of hustling up the work of the criminal courts in order to secure speedy trials and prompt punishment, with the idea that this method of procedure will have a deterrent effect on hold-up men and thugs in general, while many others prefer to immediately make it possible to send cold-blooded murderers and armed robbers to their final destination without unnecessary delay.

Appropriation bills are tardy about making their appearance, although many of them are in preparation. One thing sure, there will be no lack of them in due time.

President Little of U. of M. was a capital visitor this week, making a strong plea for the university program, which involves a little matter of five millions. That will be a start.

Governor Green's proposition to bar legislative lobbyists from the house and senate is likely to go through in some form, although many of the members frankly admit that they get valuable information from representatives of various organizations which they can get in no other way. The Governor wants them all registered, which seems reasonable.

The crime commission, which has been hard at work for some time in an effort to provide a means of riding Michigan courts of a lot of obsolete laws and customs, made its report this week. Among the measures recommended are to have criminal cases take precedence over civil cases; mere technicalities no ground for dismissal; fourth felony conviction making mandatory life sentence (following New York precedent of Baumes law); abolition of six-months minimum sentence; prosecution and defense allowed equal number of peremptory challenges; decisions may be rendered by less than unanimous jury, preventing the obstinate jury holding up a verdict. Prosecution may comment on refusal of defendant to take stand in his own behalf; continuances made more difficult, etc. Favorable action on the report is conceded.

Legislation regarding more equitable division of highway money between state, counties and cities is a lively topic of discussion and a number of bills along this line have been introduced. Eventually some changes along this line are likely to be made, and many members are of the opinion that the gas tax will be raised to three cents, with some reduction of the present weight tax.

Senator Arthur E. Wood of Detroit announces that proposed changes in the election laws will soon be introduced, which will provide for party enrollment and prevent members of one party helping nominate weak candidates at the primaries for the other party and changes in laws, which will make the election of delegates to party conventions more rigid, in order to do away with contesting delegation at state conventions.

A proposition will come before the house next Tuesday, on special order, on the proposed submission of a constitutional amendment providing for a Michigan income tax law. Will that arouse some interest? You have one guess.

The dozen or so propositions on capital punishment will perhaps crystallize into a workable compromise on February 23, when a public hearing is to be had under the big dome. The hearing will start in the afternoon, but we haven't heard as yet any legislator predict when it will end. Probably the stars will be out.

By the way, speaking of the big dome reminds one of the fact that there are several bulbs not working in the lighting system which makes the big dome a remarkably beautiful sight at night. Who wants the job of climbing up there and replacing the dead ones? Please don't crowd.

Senator Lennon asks for a special investigation of crime conditions in Detroit. Senator Lennon might have an amendment added including the city of Flint, which is in his district. You can make up believe that there are some things in Flint that would stand a wee bit of investigation.

One doesn't hear as much about good roads throughout the state as burdened the air during the previous administration. It is to be hoped, however, that when the highway finances are straightened out and we know where we are sitting, we may have an intelligent program outlined and carried out, so that Michigan may remain in the lead in good highways. There is no more important matter for the general welfare.

The Chelsea plant is again in the limelight, if indeed it has at any recent date been eclipsed. Governor Green handed to the legislature Wednesday afternoon an engineering survey made by C. H. Sontag of Missouri, an outside authority on cement plants, who has been "surveying" the plant. The report obliterated all shins that the plant has worn in public of late, and claims that the plant is not worth what it has been carried on the books for, that the outfit is in a bad state of repair, that much of the equipment is obsolete and that it cannot be operated at a profit. Seems to be a difference of opinion from reports of the last administration.

When Governor Green's proposition to change the rules of the house and senate to bar lobbyists from the floor came up for discussion this week, Representative Chas. H. Reed, publisher of the Clio Messenger, opposed

the proposition. He said he believed the big interests of Michigan were entitled to have representatives on the ground that he had in his two terms in the house, seen no lobbying on the floor during sessions, and that he, for one, would welcome any real information such representatives could furnish him in regard to proposed legislation. The matter was laid over for the day.

Thirty millions are called for by appropriation bills introduced in the senate Wednesday afternoon. Most of them are routine stuff and will go through. But what's a little thing like thirty millions to Henry Ford and the rest of us?

Adjournment was taken at the close of sessions Friday morning until Monday evening.

It is freely predicted that things will commence humming in dead earnest next week, that there will be oratorical pyrotechnics in plenty and that more or less action may be expected.

Michigan association of master barbers met here this week. Big parade, led by bully band from the industrial home for boys, each with a boyish bob. Driving down Capitol avenue I nearly collided with the parade. Close shave. Conversation rampant all down the line. Boys don't get a chance to talk much in the shop now, since the fair sex frequent the parlors. So they talked on parade. Give 'em credit, too. Though they were not all in step, they walked straight. A bit unusual for Lansing. But don't let Ray Holsapple know I said so.

"Pat" O'Brien, who came down last week for the annual meeting of the Michigan Press Association, hasn't gone home yet. Wonder who is getting out the Iron River Reporter? Says he went down to Ann Arbor for a "check-up," and they found him all right. We could have told him he was all of that.

The Michigan lumber dealers, who tried to occupy all the beds in Lansing last week, went home Friday. Just the same, they left a few splinters lying around loose. Found one in my tire yesterday.

Editorial Paragraphs

Because of its unsavory reputation, chemists want to change the name of wood alcohol to methanol. Which recalls the old couplet about the rose with any other name, etc.

Rudyard Kipling has started for Brazil and we hope that this doesn't mean he is going to write a poem on South America.

There is a lot of talk about radio legislation nowadays and we can't understand why some forward-looking statesman doesn't introduce a bill either in Congress or his state legislature to eliminate static.

Some of our statesmen and college professors seem to be in favor of the nationalist movement in Mexico and China but against any nationalism in the United States.

A prominent dental authority says that we are fast turning into a race of goats. Maybe that accounts for why there is so much butting in on everybody's business than there used to be.

Many a fellow who is busy watching the lines of the girls on a street would be better off watching his own waist line.

Think how much pleasanter a time old Atlas would have had holding the world on his shoulders if he had only possessed a radio.

Who remembers the good old days when you felt like apologizing to the butcher when you bought calves' liver?

A European philosopher declares that Americans are deficient in real intelligence but, anyhow, we know enough to keep out of European entanglements.

Ford may have refused a billion dollars for his automobile factory, but we know a fellow who has a new pair of boy twins and wouldn't take a billion apiece for them.

Now that we have telephonic connection with London, wonder what would happen if we were to put in a call for King George.

Now that they have acquired Tris Speaker the people of Washington are much more interested in the coming pennant race than the coming war with Mexico.

It's quite impressive to see how many of our internationalist newspapers are in favor of the Chinese nationalists.

Just at present there is war in China, Portugal and Nicaragua, and preparation in Moscow, but the government at Geneva still lives.

A prominent biologist says that the human race will never develop the superman. What's he trying to do, belittle George Bernard Shaw?

A herd of long horned cattle, once so numerous in the West are to be preserved by the Department of Agriculture in Oklahoma. This will probably occasion another outburst of protest from our professional pacifists.

Admiral Latimer denies that our marines have taken part in the Nicaraguan battles. This is obvious, for if they had, the war would have been over before this.

It is said that cooperative stores in Moscow last year paid a profit of 189 per cent on their capital stock. No wonder they don't want any capitalist regulations over there.

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FREDERIC SCHOOL

Editor—Marguerite Richards, Asst. Editor—Francis Hunter and Lois Craven.

Elise—"First, I'll take some sulphuric acid, and then I'll take some chloroform."

Flora—"Yes, that's a good idea."

Notice is hereby given that any senior who continues to slide down the banisters will be punished.

New discoveries made by seniors: Kunkin, English author, was married in 1884—Marguerite. 4 x 1 equals 5.—Elise.

Frederic and surrounding towns haven't enough to do. Francis he wants to import one from Battle Creek. Can it be anyone in particular?

The seniors are delighted with their new class rings. Of course Frederic never saw anything like them. Mr. Chrysler must think so too, as he was wearing two of them yesterday. Guess Ehra and Lola must have lost their rings already.

The seniors of the Frederic high school entertained Saturday night in honor of the parents and teachers. The school dining room was beautifully decorated in rose and gray class colors, and various Valentine novelties. The feature of the affair was a delicious six o'clock dinner.

The menu was as follows: roast pork, dressing, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, scalloped corn, baked beans, cranberry jelly, pickled beets, buttered rolls, coffee, ice cream and cake.

After dinner a short program was given, which consisted of games and contests. Miss Elsie Burke won a can of Eagle Brand milk. Mrs. Barber and Miss Ehra Walter won as first prize, a Valentine.

Mrs. Ernest Richards and Mr. John Parson won the consolation prizes, which were comic Valentines. Miss Marguerite Richards, accompanied by Miss Lola Craven sang "Blame It on the Waltz." "I'd Love to meet that old sweetheart of mine."

Miss Evelyn Barber entertained with a musical reading, "Too Many Parties."

Ethel Wixson and Ethel Richards, in beautiful Valentine costumes, gave a delightful old-fashioned minuet. Dancing was then enjoyed by all.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Parson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Odell, Mr. and Mrs. Doremire, Mr. and Mrs. Wixson, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Esther Barber, Mrs. Burke, Mr. Walter, Mr. Chrysler, Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. E. J. Richards, Ethel Richards, Ethel Wixson, Miss Evelyn Lovely of Grayling.

Grammar Department Teacher—"How many countries in Michigan?" Alice—"Six."

We had another visitor Monday. The grammar room enjoyed a Valentine party Monday afternoon. Boyish bobs are much in evidence in the grammar room.

Primary Department Snow again, but we boys and girls of the primary room don't mind it. We like to snowball.

Our visitors last week were: Mrs. Corsaut and Mrs. Barber, Tuesday; Mrs. Leeman, Mrs. McCracken and Miss Armstrong, Wednesday.

Floyd and Gene met me "playing their pranks" and read it, "praying their planks," which caused a general laugh among the first graders.

The beginners are doing fine in their new primers, and are also learning simple health rules for primer hygiene.

Mrs. Barber, at home—"Ehna, you can't go to school with those dirty hands."

Ehna—"But mother, what hands will I use?" We wonder why Freborn went to sleep in school Wednesday, why Grace misses so much school?

Intermediate Room We enjoyed the visit from the primary room Friday afternoon. We opened our Valentine box together. There were 79 present, counting our baby brothers and sisters. Everyone was amply repaid for their coming, with Valentines. The teacher received 48 valentines. Thanks, children—I appreciate your loving messages.

We enjoyed the sunny weather the past week.

The fourth grade have completed another section in geography. Our room had two absent ones last week.

The fifth grade complete their work on China today. They are also writing business letters in English. We really mail our letters, too.

Our visitors last week were Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Corsaut and little Gloria Corsaut. Hope we will have others in the future.

FREDERIC NEWS

Rachel Wells Knibbs arrived last week from the southern part of the state to visit her parents.

Charles Armstrong is in Saginaw, where he has been for several weeks, and is gaining in health.

J. Higgins, who has been very sick, is on the ground again.

The P. T. A. met last Friday and had a fair attendance present, with their efficient president in the chair. After the program was rendered a lunch was served and everybody went home in a real snowstorm.

Our postmaster, H. Higgins, had a radio installed for the pleasure of his parents.

Those who did not attend church last Sunday missed a very good eulogy on the life of Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. Crandall presided at the piano and led the singing.

Arthur Pledge, who has been agent here for several years, has been changed to Kewkewin, Bay county.

Grandma Richards, who is making her home with her son Earnest and family, is in poor health at present writing.

Mrs. Batterton is moving into the house she bought of Andrew Brown.

Miss Ruby Crandall is employed at Rev. Baughn's in Grayling.

Everybody seems to be in favor of disarmament except the gunmen.

RECORD OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Held on the 7th day of February, 1927.

In the absence of T. W. Hanson, president, meeting was called to order by T. P. Peterson, president pro-tem.

Trustees present: T. P. Peterson, A. L. Roberts, Emil Giegling, George Sorenson, Frank Sales and Geo. W. McCullough.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report of Finance committee: To the president and members of the common council of the village of Grayling: Your committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts respectfully recommend that the accompanying bills be allowed as follows:

1—Grayling Electric Co., Jan. service. \$148.00

2—O. P. Schumann, printing. 9.50

3—M. A. Bates, tax rental. 12.50

4—J. H. Shultz Co., election supplies. 2.43

5—George Burke, storage for truck, roadster and supplies. 15.20

6—Selling Hanson Co., 1 clothingline. .30

7—Crawford Co. Chapter Red Cross Nurse's salary. 50.00

8—Julius Nelson, payroll ending Jan. 6th. 10.50

9—Julius Nelson, payroll ending Jan. 14th. 47.05

10—Julius Nelson, payroll ending Jan. 19th. 22.50

11—Julius Nelson, payroll ending Jan. 26th. 41.88

EMIL GIEGLING, GEO. W. MCCULLOUGH, T. P. PETERSON, Committee.

Moved by Sorenson and supported by Roberts that the report be accepted and bills allowed, and the clerk be instructed to draw orders for the amounts.

Yea and nay vote called. Yea: Peterson, Roberts, Giegling, Sorenson and McCullough. Nays: Sales. Motion carried.

The chair appointed Geo. W. McCullough, Emil Giegling and Frank Sales, election inspectors, to serve election day, March 14th, which appointment was confirmed by council.

Letter from Selling Hanson Company regarding sale of their waterworks system was read and filed for future reference and consideration.

Moved by Giegling and supported by Sales that a street light be installed at the intersection of Peninsular and Ingham streets. Motion carried.

Applications of Jens Eilerson and Rasmus Jorgenson for caretaker of Tourist park were received and filed for future consideration.

Moved by Giegling and supported by Sales that we clothe Michigan Central R. R. crossing flagmen with police powers and furnish them with badges, providing they are qualified for the office. Motion carried.

Thereupon the board adjourned. CHRIS JENSON, Clerk.

T. P. PETERSON, President pro-tem.

LOVELLS NEWS

Mrs. Lola Papenfus is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Howard Hoffman in Detroit.

Mrs. Charles Feldhauser is spending a few days at Grayling. Vernon Henry went to West Branch Saturday.

Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Caid in West Branch.

Miss Vila Vance spent the week end in Grayling.

Roger Caid is away visiting. Lovells was very much surprised to hear of the marriage of Miss Ruth Stillwagon and Edgar Caid, both well known young people of Lovells. Their marriage tends wish them much luck and happiness.

Mrs. Hunt, who has spent the winter in Boyne City, is home again. Albert Pochelon of Detroit was at his cabin, "The Fighting Deer" last week.

RAISING THE ROOF OF AN ENGINE

(By Erwin Greer, president Greer College of Automotive and Electrical Trades, Chicago, Ill.)

Cylinder heads of the detachable variety, like timing gearcase covers, transmission covers, etc., are shamefully abused by many who have occasion to remove and replace them. As a result of this abuse, poor satisfaction is often experienced and serious damage is sustained by the engine; where with proper precaution, the same member will give long and satisfactory service.

The cylinder head is retained to the cylinder block by a row of studs and nuts extending around the edges in ordinary construction. If in applying or removing the head these nuts are tightened or loosened unevenly, enormous pressure will be concentrated at a few points, resulting in warping of the casting. When once warped, a cylinder head casting will not straighten out again and cannot again be returned to its true shape by the use of heat. The rest of the way off individually, in replacing, the same process should be reversed, each nut being screwed down until resistance is felt and then tightening each a quarter turn in diagonal sequence until all are tight.

Unless the head is badly ginned in place the head or casting it should be possible to loosen it by tapping around the edge with a hammer. This produces vibration and the clearance of the holes in the head around the studs permits the head to move slightly sidewise, sufficient to break the bond, so that it may be lifted off. In raising the head, a thin screw driver with a wide blade, as possible, should be used to pry the head up, being inserted above the gasket and not below it.

Example From the Bee

So work the honey bees, creatures that by a rule in nature teach the act of working to a peopled kingdom.—Shakespeare.

AT THE SHOW



Willie—Daddy, how can the lady go into the cage with the tiger and not be eaten up?

Dad—Why—er—it's a man-eating tiger, I guess.

GOOD LOOKS



She—She takes a good look at every handsome man she meets and they stare back. What makes them do it?

He—Her good looks.

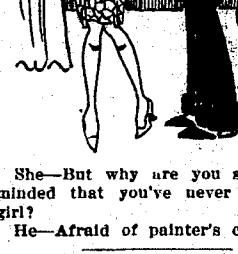
DEVELOPED BY USE



"Yes, he's a wonderful musician—plays the piano by ear."

"Is that what has made his ears so big?"

AFRAID OF PAINT



She—But why are you so narrow minded that you've never kissed a girl?

He—Afraid of painter's colic.

EASY TO FIND OUT



"He said life without me would be impossible."

"And he could easily find out from your former husband what it would be with you."

A FAST ONE



"You say the brute kissed you when you were off your guard?"

"Yes, I didn't have a chance to enjoy even the anticipation of it."

M'NARY-HAUGEN BILL PASSED BY SENATE

\$250,000,000 Revolving Fund Is Provided; Measure Authorizes Board of 13.

Washington. — Proposing radical changes in the country's agricultural policy, the McNary-Haugen bill for a federal farm board and for control of the surplus problem through imposition of an equalization fee, was passed by the senate by a vote of 47 to 39. Prior to the passage of the bill, the Curtis-Cripp bill, which had administration support, was offered by Senator Curtis and defeated, 54 to 32.

The roll call on the final passage of the bill follows:

For the Bill: Republicans: Capper, Capper, Curtis, Deneen, Frazier, Gooding, Gould, Harold, Howell, Johnson, Jones of Washington, La Follette, McCarter, McNary, Means, Norris, Nye, Oddie, Pina, Robinson of Indiana, Schall, Stanford, Stewart and Watson. 34.

Democrats: Ashurst, Bratton, Cavanaugh, Copeland, Dill, Norris, Fletcher, Hawes, Kendrick, McKellar, Mayfield, Neely, Pittman, Ransdell, Robinson of Arkansas, Shattuck, Simmons, Smith, Strick, Trammell, Tyson and Wheeler. 12.

Farmer-Labor: Shipstead—1. Total—47.

Against the Bill: Republicans: Bingham, Borah, Cournant, Dole, Ernst, Foss, Giffert, Gore, Greene, Hale, Keyes, Lenroot, McLean, Metcalf, Pepper, Phillips, Reed of Pennsylvania, Sackett, Sells, Sherman, Wheeler and Willis—22.

Democrats: Bayard, Blaine, Bruce, Edwards, George, Sherry, Glass, Harris, Harrison, Hefflin, King, Overman, Reed, Robinson of Ohio, Tamm, Underwood, Walsh of Massachusetts, and Walsh of Montana—17.

A number of amendments to the bill were adopted, but they were practically all proposed by friends of the measure. Attempts to defer the operation of the equalization fee on cotton for two years, or even for one year, were voted down.

Now that the bill has passed the senate, the proponents of the measure are jubilantly predicting it will be approved by the house within a few days and will be put up to President Coolidge for signature or rejection.

The bill, as it came from the committee, provided for dealing with the surpluses of wheat, cotton, corn, rice and hogs, called "basic" agricultural commodities. To this list tobacco was added in the senate as the result of an amendment offered by Senator McKellar of Tennessee.

The bill provides for a federal farm board of twelve plus the secretary of agriculture. One member of the board is to be selected from each federal land bank district. A revolving fund of \$250,000,000 is provided.

The federal farm board provisions in the bill contemplate "farmer control" of the membership. The President is to make the selections out of nominees recommended by agricultural influences. Efforts to knock out this "farmer control" failed in the senate.

A veto of the bill by the President is generally expected, inasmuch as the measure, as passed, is essentially the same as that of last session, which he condemned as a price-fixing scheme and economically unsound. Some corn belt leaders have been predicting that he will change front and sign the bill because of the insistent demand of the agricultural region for farm relief and because of the certainty that his re-nomination will be strenuously opposed in the West if he should veto the bill.

The bill could not be re-passed over executive disapproval, the vote in the senate having been far short of the necessary two-thirds to override a veto. The prospect, therefore, for enactment of the bill into law is not promising.

Find Skulls of Four Women in Old Trunk

Perndale, Mich. — Four women's skulls, two of them still trailing thick braids of hair and one stained with blood, were found in a trunk in the attic of the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, here.

News of the gruesome discovery made by the Wilson children was followed by a police search for James N. Coyner, negro war veteran who had lived in the house up to two years ago.

Records show that a giant negro named James Coyner was convicted of grave robbing at Hammond, Ind., last November 30 and sentenced to ten years at Michigan City penitentiary. He was found guilty of stealing the body of a white woman from Oak Hill cemetery in that city.

Coyner, when caught rifling the young Hammond woman's grave, confessed to the police that he had planned to take the body to Berneice, Ill. He could offer no other explanation.

The skulls were wrapped in Pittsburgh and Detroit newspapers of 1920 and 1921. In addition a number of clippings were found referring to prominent women and an address book containing names of many Detroit society families. After several borrowed money from individuals to finance a war.

Impach 2 Texas Legislators

Austin, Texas.—By an overwhelming vote the Texas house of representatives voted to expel two of its members, Representatives F. A. Dale and H. H. Moore, after charges of accepting a bribe had been brought against them.

Kills Evolution Bill